

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2005

CATEGORY	2005	2004	YTD 05	YTD 04
CSEPP INCIDENTS	6	5	66	39
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	5	8
FIRE	63	30	305	333
HAZMAT	193	207	1766	1659
OTHER	17	12	274	227
911 OUTAGES	2	1	34	25
SAR	54	54	500	510
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	12	6	63	60
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	2	1
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(5)	-	(54)	-
TOTAL	347	315	3015	2862

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

- On October 1, the National Weather Service in Pendleton issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Yakima County. The warning was very "short-lived" and only lasted for one hour. Wind gusts to 60 MPH and hail was reported in the Grandview and Sunnyside areas.
- On October 11, a report of an Electronic Location Transmitter (ELT) beacon was received from Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division. A helicopter from the Oregon National Guard in Salem, Para-rescue personnel

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from Portland Air Guard and ground search / mountain rescue units from Pierce and Skamania Counties were coordinated. After searching for several hours, an ELT beacon was discovered to have been accidentally activated.

- On October 12, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters of Puget Sound. Weather event passed without noted impact.
- On October 20, The State EOCs Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Team was activated to coordinate resources for Hurricane Wilma. The hurricane is predicted to reach southern Florida on Monday October 24.
- On October 21, and Evidence Search was conducted in Skamania County for a weapon used in the commission of a crime at the Stevenson Boat Ramp. Additional resources were coordinated from Clark County to assist in the search.
- On October 22, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for the coast of Washington State. The High Surf Advisory was terminated the next day.
- On 23 October, a search was under way in Chelan County for a missing hiker near Merritt Lake. This office coordinated 4 cadaver dog teams from King County to assist in the search. The search was concluded the next day at 1500 hrs when the hiker was found deceased.
- On October 24, National Weather Service Portland issued a High Wind Warning for the coastal areas of Pacific County. The Warning expired at 1800 hrs on October 25th.
- On October 28, National Weather Service Seattle issued a High Surf Advisory for the coast. The advisory was allowed to expire that evening.
- On October 30, National Weather Service Seattle issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland waters for Sunday night through Monday, October 31st. Additionally a High Wind Warning was issued for the South Washington Coast, a High Wind Watch was issued for the North and Central Washington Coast and a Flood Warning was issued for the Skokomish River in Mason County. All weather incidents were allowed to expire on the morning of October 31.

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- On Oct 31, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Northeastern Washington Counties of Okanogan, Ferry, Pend Oreille & Spokane. The Storm Watch remained in effect through the following evening above 4,500 feet.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- For the month of October 2005 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 28 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 12 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 572 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 9 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Issued 5 Evidence Search Mission Request
 - Participated in 14 exercises of which 7 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1596 and answered 1302 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1888 National Warning System Tests, conducted 236 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 59 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
 - Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)

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